

REMARKS:

Claims 23-27 and 29-33 are now pending in the application, with claim 23 being the only independent claim.

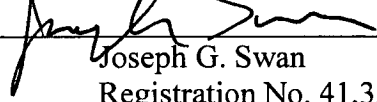
Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 28-30 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten into independent form to include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In order to obtain early allowance of this application, Applicants have incorporated the subject matter of claim 28 into independent claim 23 from which it depended and canceled claim 28 above. In addition, Applicants have canceled all other claims not depending from independent claim 23 and have amended claim 29 to depend from independent claim 23. Accordingly, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and an indication to that effect is respectfully requested.

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